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SUBJ: US-GOR CULTURAL EXCHANGES NEGOTIATIONS: AGREEMENT REACHED
ON EXHIBIT IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS

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1. PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS PARA 4.A. REFTTEL, WE HAVE MODIFIED ARTICLE III.B. TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "SUBJECT TO MUTUAL AGREEMENT, THE RECEIVING SIDE WILL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:". THE PHRASE "ON A MUTUAL BASIS" HAS BEEN DELETED. WHILE REDRAFTING WITH COUNCIL REP IN THIS VICINITY OF THE IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS, WE ALSO CHANGED THE WORD "BEAR" TO "PAY" IN ARTICLE III.A. WHICH NOW READS: "THE SENDING SIDE WILL PAY...". OUR ATTEMPTS TO INSERT REFERENCE TO "INSTALLATION AND DISMANTLING" IN THE PROVISIONS WHICH FOLLOW THE TERM "PAY" MET WITH CONSIDERABLE RESISTANCE. SOLUTION SUGGESTED PARA 4.B.(1) WAS REJECTED AS IT HAS BEEN IN THE PAST BECAUSE COUNCIL CAN NOT COMMIT ITSELF TO MAKE ANY HARD CURRENCY

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EXPENDITURES ABROAD FOR EXHIBIT ACTIVITY, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BY

EMBASSY, MOST RECENTLY IN BUCHAREST 5518, PARA 2. (COMMENT: REGRET OUR FAILURE TO REF THAT MESSAGE TO STATE 252305 AND STATE 269090 WHICH MAY HAVE HELPED CLARIFY MATTER EARLIER.)

2. SOLUTION 2 REFTTEL WAS REJECTED BY COUNCIL REP FOR SAME REASONS SUGGESTED AS MAJOR DISADVANTAGE, I.E., BOOKKEEPING. (FYI: NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY REP MATAACHE WHO IS TAKING PART IN NEGOTIATIONS POINTED OUT THAT HIS ORGANIZATION AS GOR ACTION AGENCY FOR OUR PROGRESS AND THE ENVIRONMENT EXHIBIT DISBURSED 300,000 LEI AND WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY ISOLATING THOSE COSTS CLEARLY CHARGEABLE TO "INYZALLATION AND DISMANTLING". END FYI.)

3. ACCORDINGLY, WE HAVE USED SOLUTION 3. OUR QUICK REVIEW OF SITE SURVEY FOR ROMANIAN PAINTING EXHIBITION (SEE MEMO FROM JOHN J. KARCH TO CHARLES G. STEFAN, DATED MARCH 26, 1973 WHICH SAS ON FILE IN USIA/IEE AND EX-EUR/SES FILES) AND OF OUR DISBURSEMENTS FOR THIS EXHIBIT -- THERE WERE NONE FOR INSTALLATION AND DISMANTLING, TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE -- SUGGESTS REF TO "EXTREMELY SMALL LIKLIHOOD" IN PARA 4.B.(3) IS EXTREMELY PESSIMISTIC.

4. FROM OUR DISCUSSIONS AMONG OURSELVES AND WITH THE ROMANIANS WE CONCLUDE THAT THE TERM "PROVIDE" DOES NOT IMPLY A CLEAR COMMITMENT TO PAY IN ENGLISH OR ROMANIAN AS THIS TERM IS INTERPRETED IN PARA 4.B. REFTTEL. FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THESE MATTERS WILL FOLLOW IN LETTER FROM PAO TO USIA/IEE. IT IS WORTH NOTING AT THIS POINT THAT ROMANIAN PRIORITY FOR EXHIBITS REMAINS EXCEEDINGLY LOW COMPARED TO OURS. UPON HEARING REEMERGENCE OF EXHIBIT ISSUES TODAY, ROSIANU HASTILY AND HEATEDLY SUGGESTED WE "DROP (A DUNUNCA) EXHCUIITS FROM OUR PROGRAM". NONETHELESS, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, WE BELIEVE WE HAVE A PROGRAM AND IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS WHICH ARE MORE ENABLING THAN ANY WE HAVE EVER HAD AND THAT OUR OBLIGATIONS TO THE POMANIANS UNDER THEM HAVE BEEN CLARIFIED.

5. RE CURATOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL COSTS MENTIONED IN STATE 272118 AND BUCHAREST 5703, THESE WILL BE COVERED BY THE SENDING SIDE PURSUANT TO PARA II.A. OF IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS.

6. NEW SUBJECT: WE LOOK FORWARD TO ARRIVAL IN JANUARY OF SUIB TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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